

REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 15, 33, and 34, and dependent claims 12 and 28, are amended. The amendments are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, in particular, the examples and claims 12 and 28.

Consideration of the amendment and remarks after final is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because 1) no new questions of patentability are believed to be presented; 2) no further searching is necessitated because the Examiner has considered subject matter of the same or broader scope in the previously examined claims; and 3) the amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Entry and consideration of the remarks is thus respectfully solicited.

Applicants thank Examiner Hess for the telephonic interview granted Applicants' representative September 27, 2005. As discussed therein, Examples E1, E7, E8, E10, and E18 as set forth in the Declaration of inventor David Foster submitted June 23, 2005, show unexpected results. Applicant herein amends the claims to reflect the unexpected results acknowledged by Examiner Hess.

Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Applicant's admissions. Applicants traverse the rejection as follows. As indicated above, Applicants herein amend the independent claims, and dependent claims as necessary for consistency, to reflect the unexpected results previously submitted in the Declaration of David Foster. Applicants understand that the unexpected results overcome the rejection of record according to the telephonic interview with Examiner Hess. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus in order, and are respectfully requested.

All of claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance for at least the above reasons. Prompt action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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